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Office Action Summary

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10/689,641

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Victor A Mandala Jr.

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 15-21 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2 and 14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-13 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Election

1. Claims 15-21 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected group, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 9/09/04.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 8-13 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because multiple dependent claims 8 and 9. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, claims 8-13 have not been further treated on the merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 14 recites the limitation said tracks. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. The examiner is unable to specifically understand what tracks are meant by and request further detail to be added on top of the insufficient antecedent basis.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2, & 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,638,391 Shima et al.

4. Referring to claim 1, an illuminator comprising light sources mounted on a substrate, (Figure 3 the lower #53 & #52), and an integrally molded lens, (Figure 2 #45 & 46), covering the light sources, (Figure 3 #63 & 58), characterised in that, the substrate, (Figure 3 the lower #53 & 52), comprises a layer of semiconductor material, (Figure 3 #52 Col. 5 Lines 48-49), and pads of conductive and reflective material, (Figure 3 the upper #53 Col. 6 Line 11 where Sn has a reflective properties), overlying the semiconductor material, (Figure 3 #52), said pads, (Figure 3 the upper #53), are electrically connected, (Figure 3 #56), to the light sources, (Figure 3 #63 & 58), to provide power, and the substrate, (Figure 3 the lower #53 & #52), is mounted directly on a heat sink, (Figure 3 #50).

5. Referring to claim 2, an illuminator, wherein the molded lens material, (Figure 2 #45 & 46), extends completely over the substrate, (Figure 2 the lower #53 & 52), and a top portion of the heat sink, (Figure 2 #50), to hermetically seal the substrate, (Figure 2 the lower #53 & 52), and the light sources, (Figure 2 #63 & 58).

6. Referring to claim 14, an illuminator, wherein said light sources comprise semiconductor die placed, (Figure 2, 3, & 7 #63 & 58), and wire bonded on **said tracks**, (Figure 7 #44).

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Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 3-7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion


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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Victor A Mandala Jr. whose telephone number is (571) 272-1918. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 8am till 6pm..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan J Flynn can be reached on (571) 272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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